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### Alpha One

#### Our Locations

##### ***Alpha One, South Portland Office***

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*South Portland, ME 04106*

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*(800) 640-7200 - Voice*

*(207) 799-8346 - Fax*

*(207) 767-5387 - TTY*

*(866) 906-5375 - TTY*

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##### ***Alpha One, Bangor Office***

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*Bangor, ME 04401*

*(207) 941-6553 - Voice*

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Alpha One, a Center for Independent Living, has enabled thousands of people with disabilities to live more fully and more independently in all aspects of their lives. Few Centers for Independent Living in the United States or other public or private agencies in Maine offer Alpha One's variety and depth of independent living services:

- **information and referral**
- **outreach**
- **advocacy**
- **one-to-one and group peer support**
- **consumer-directed personal assistance services**
- **assistive technology financing**
- **access design**
- **independent living** skills instruction
- **adapted driver assessment** and education service, the only one of its kind in Maine, New Hampshire or Vermont, enables people to learn to drive using adaptive equipment.
- **Alpha One Medical**, Alpha One's wholly-owned subsidiary is a durable medical equipment sales and service company with locations in South Portland, and Lewiston, Maine.

Alpha One annually assists more than 4,000 people of all ages, including children and the elderly, with a range of disabilities: mobility impairments, traumatic brain injury, deafness,

blindness, other vision and hearing impairments, developmental disabilities, mental illness, mental retardation, and AIDS. For more than two decades, Alpha One has been responsive to the needs of individuals with disabilities, initiating, advocating for, and implementing systems change to overcome the barriers that prevent people with disabilities from living independently.

Since 1978, Alpha One has stood at the forefront of the fight to establish and expand consumer-directed personal assistance, promoting this approach at the state and national level.

As a result of Alpha One's recommendation and active support, the Maine Legislature established the Commission on Independent Living in 1985 to coordinate, improve and expand services for people with disabilities. Chaired by Alpha One's President and involving some 200 consumers in two years of study, the Commission issued its report, *Toward Opportunity*, that called for expanded personal assistance, information services, and financing for assistive technology and home modifications.

### **AllTech (formerly MECATS)**

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**Organization Type:** Assistive Technology, Information Centers

**Disabilities Served:** General / Non-disability Specific

ALLTech™ is a nationally recognized center that provides training, consultations, and technical assistance in the areas of assistive technology, specialized software, Web accessibility, and universal design in education. Their expert team provides in-depth assistive technology assessments based on the latest product releases and information. Assessments are conducted on-site, or in home, school, or workplace settings. AllTech also offers training, consultations, and follow-up services to individuals with disabilities, families, caregivers, and professionals.

### **Assistive Technology Services of Maine**

<http://www.atmaine.com/>

Whether you're interested in learning to use assistive technology, need to become proficient with a certain application, or just want to learn a new skill, we can help. Currently, we offer Internet based, Telephone based and of course on-sight training solutions at affordable prices.

### **Consultation/development**

Assistive Technology Services of Maine works with individuals, schools, universities, state rehabilitation agencies, businesses and anyone else interested in assessing, or implementing assistive technologies. Whether you're a business interested in hiring employees with disabilities, a school system requiring an assessment for a student, or an individual curious about the assistive technology solution that might be best for you, we can help. By not selling any

assistive technology products, we are well positioned to provide you with unbiased recommendations. If you're a developer, or an organization looking to make your products and services more accessible, we can assist by assessing, advising and testing a variety of solutions. Please contact us to discuss your specific situation.

### **The Assistive Technology Show**

Every week, we offer **the Assistive Technology Show**, an interactive program in which we discuss new technologies, software and offer demonstrations of products and services. Using either the microphone, or built in text chat feature, participants can directly communicate with and learn from one another thereby making the program an interactive experience. Even when we have a demonstration, or guest speaker, ample opportunity is left for participants to ask questions of interest, discuss hot topics in technology and share tips and tricks to make using technology a less frustrating experience. For those who are unable to join us Wednesday evenings between 7:00-9:00 PM, EST, the show is archived and podcasted making it available on demand, or on the go.

### **Mailing list**

Assistive Technology Services of Maine maintains a moderated announcements list via which we send announcements of A T Show topics and new services. Our announcements list is a very low traffic list consisting of one, maybe two messages weekly.

### **A T Maine Blog**

The **Assistive Technology Services of Maine blog** is where I try to discuss new happenings in assistive technology, new products and services and many other topics.

## **Maine Consumer Information and Technology Training Exchange (CITE)**

University Drive: University of Maine System University College  
Autusta, ME 04330

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**Website:** <http://www.mainecite.org/>

**Organization Type:** Assistive Technology, State and Local Organizations, University-Affiliated Programs

**Disabilities Served:** General / Non-disability Specific

Maine CITE is a statewide project designed to help make assistive and universally designed technology more available to Maine children and adults who have disabilities. Assistive technology is equipment or devices that make it easier for people to live more independently, work at a job, study at school or play with friends. It is services that help someone choose and learn to use the devices best for them.

## **Technical Exploration Center (TEC)**

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Bangor, ME 04401

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**Contact Name:** Colleen Adams, COTA/L

**Organization Type:** General

**Disabilities Served:** General / Non-disability Specific, Communication and Speech, Hearing

Impairments / Deaf, Mobility Impaired, Multiple Disabilities, Visual Impairment / Blind

The Technical Exploration Center (TEC) is an assistive technology program that lends equipment, and provides evaluations, resource materials, technical assistance and AT related training. The devices they lend out can be used for the following tasks: communication, computers (hardware and software), education, enjoyment of everyday activities, mobility, and recreation just to name a few.<br> In collaboration with UCP of Maine, TEC runs the Adaptive Design Center. This Center is an accessible lab that offers people with disabilities and their families or support staff a place to create or modify equipment. Open by appointment, this lab offers cardboard construction, switch and electronic adaptations, foam and fabric adaptations as well as a variety of other options for making your current equipment more accessible and easier to use.